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STRAW HATS,  
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SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1897.

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## Banks.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,  
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INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....\$300,000

RESERVE FUND.....\$300,000

HOLDERS.....\$300,000

REVENUE FUND.....\$300,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT  
ACCOUNT at the Rate of a per cent per  
annum on the Daily Balance.

On Fixed Deposit for 12 months, 4 per cent.

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T. H. WHITEHEAD,  
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 19th October, 1896. [31]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,  
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital.....\$1,000,000  
Subscribed Capital.....\$1,000,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors—  
D. Cullis, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.  
H. Stolterfoht, Esq. Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.  
Chen Kui Shan, Esq.

Chief Manager,

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months on Fixed, 5 per Cent.  
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1893. [7]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000

RESERVE FUND.....\$6,500,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS.....\$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:

St. C. MICHAELSEN, Esq.—Chairman.

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LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY  
BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

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On Current Account at the rate of 2 per Cent  
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For 3 months, 2½ per Cent. per Annum.

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T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1897. [8]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

The Business of the above Bank is conducted  
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be  
obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ per  
Cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option  
balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND  
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED  
DEPOSIT AT 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [9]

## Insurances.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above  
Company are prepared to accept First  
Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at  
CURRENT RATE.

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [18]

THE MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE  
COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1694.

CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000

TOTAL FUNDS AND SECURITY.....\$2,480,053

NET ANNUAL FIRE PREMIA.....\$75,478

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the  
above Company we are prepared to accept  
FIRST EUROPEAN and CHINESE RISKS  
at CURRENT RATE.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, and January, 1897. [74]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,  
(LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 } \$233,333-33-

EQUAL TO ..... \$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Lee Sino, Esq. LO YEN MOON, Esq.

LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken  
at CURRENT RATE to all parts of the  
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,  
Hongkong, 1st December, 1896. [19]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept  
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATE on Goods,  
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world

payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSUNG FAT,  
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,  
No. 1, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,  
Hongkong, 1st May, 1896. [20]

## Auction.

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION. NO. 141.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of  
Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction,  
to be held on the spot, on

MONDAY,

the 3rd day of May, 1897, at 3 P.M., are  
published for general information.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
Colonial Secretary,  
Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 17th April, 1897. [68]

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by  
Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday,  
the 3rd day of May, 1897, at 3 P.M., by Order of  
His Excellency, the Governor, of Twenty-seven  
Lots of CROWN LAND, together with Building  
Material situated thereon, in the Colony of  
Hongkong, for a term of 999 Years.

### PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.

No.	Remarks	Boundary	Measure- ments	Content Annual Re- venue	Upkeep
1	Inland	ft. ft. ft. ft.	\$ \$ \$		
2	Lot	ft. ft. ft. ft.	\$ \$ \$		
3	Street	42 42 16 16	672	502,352	
4	"	42 42 16 16	672	502,352	
5	Tank	42 42 16 16	672	502,352	
6	Lane	42 42 16 16	672	502,016	
7	"	42 42 16 16	672	502,016	
8	Tal- ling	42 42 16 16	672	502,016	
9	Street	42 42 16 16	672	502,016	
10	"	42 42 16 16	672	502,016	
11	"	42 42 16 16	672	502,016	
12	"	42 42 16 16	672	502,016	
13	"	42 42 16 16	672	502,016	
14	"	42 42 16 16	672	502,016	
15	Street	15 15 45 45	675	503,032	
16	"	15 15 45 45	675	503,032	
17	"	15 15 45 45	675	503,032	
18	"	13 4 45 45	600	502,400	
19	"	13 4 45 45	600	502,400	
20	"	13 4 45 45	600	502,400	
21	Yan- yan	43 43 14 14	602	502,107	
22	Street	43 43 14 14	602	502,107	
23	"	43 43 14 14	602	502,107	
24	"	43 43 14 14	602	502,107	
25	"	43 43 14 14	602	502,107	
26	"	43 43 14 14	602	502,107	
27	"	43 43 14 14	602	502,107	

## Intimations.

### PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

### FOR STRAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL REMARKS

SHANGHAI ..... *Rohilla* ..... F. Cole ..... About 1st May ... Freight or Passage.

LONDON, &c. .... *Mirsooper* ..... J. F. Jephcott ..... Noon, 6th May ... [See Special

Advertisement.]

JAPAN ..... *Ancona* ..... W. D. Mudie ..... Noon, 7th May ... [Freight or Passage,

Passing through the Island Sea.]

LONDON ..... *Aden* ..... R. E. L. Hill, R.N.R. .... About 15th May ... Freight or Passage.

For Further Particulars, apply to H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent,

Hongkong, 28th April, 1897. [6]

## Intimations.

### UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY, LIMITED.

SOLE AGENTS IN HONGKONG, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

FOR THE UNITED ASBESTOS COMPANY, LIMITED, LONDON,

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Contractors to H.M. Government, and the Principal English, Indian Colonial and Foreign

Railways, including the Imperial Railways of Japan.

MANUFACTURERS OF ASBESTOS AND RUBBER GOODS for the VERY HIGHEST PRESSURES.

# THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1897.

## To-day's Advertisement.

**THEATRE ROYAL,**

CITY HALL

TO-NIGHT  
(SATURDAY), the 1st May, 1897.

H.M.S. "RAINBOWS"

MASSTODON MINSTRELS.

Numbering  
FORTY-PIRFORMERS.

Powerful Chorus and Capable Orchestra.  
New and Suitable Scenery.  
Handsome and Appropriate Costumes.  
Novel and Unique First Part.  
All Accompaniments Attractively Orchestrated.  
Every Chorus Carefully Harmonised.  
An Olio of Novelties in Second Part.  
Divertingly Droll Dancing.  
Effective Spectacular Marches.

The curtain will rise punctually at 8 P.M.  
PLAN AND TICKETS AT MESSRS. ROBINSON & CO'S.

Prices: - \$2 and \$1.

SOLDIERS, SAILORS and POLICE in Uniform  
Half-price.

Last Trains 15 minutes after each performance.  
Hongkong, 1st May, 1897. [717]

ST. ANDREW'S HALL,  
(CITY HALL),

TO-DAY (SATURDAY) 11

"THE CINEMATOGRAPH."

(THE GREATEST MARVEL OF THE AGE)

Will be exhibited, under the personal supervision of Professor MAURICE CHARVET, at the following hours:

11 A.M. 2.30 P.M. 5.30 P.M.

9 P.M. AND 10.15 P.M.

ADMISSION \$1.00 CHILDREN HALF-PRICE.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1897. [716]

ZETLAND LODGE,

No. 525, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, THIS EVENING, the 1st May, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.  
Hongkong, 1st May, 1897. [652]

NOTICE.

We have Authorized Mr. JULIUS STERN to SIGN our FIRM from This Date.  
REISS & CO.  
Hongkong, 1st May, 1897. [720]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"ARRATOON APAR," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M. of the 4th instant, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Wan Chai.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE DELIVERY of their Goods from alongside; such Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASOON, SONS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1897. [710]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"NAMOA," Captain Hall, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 4th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAIRAK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1897. [721]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR KOBE,

THE Steamship

"BENLARIG," Captain Wallace, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 6th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1897. [722]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND NAGASAKI.  
(Passing through the INLAND SEA)

THE Company's Steamship

"HOHENZOLLERN," Captain H. Bleeker, will leave for the above Ports on or about THURSDAY, the 6th instant.

For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1897. [686]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI,

THE Company's Steamship

"PRINZ HEINRICH," Captain O. Coppers, due here with the outward German Mail about the 6th instant, will leave for the above place about FRIDAY, the 7th instant.

For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1897. [686]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENSIN (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship

"TAKSANG," Captain Ralph, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 17th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1897. [723]

## Intimations.

**DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY,**  
**PICTORIA DISPENSARY,**  
**HONGKONG.**

## AERATED WATERS.

**SIMPLY AERATED WATER.**

**SODA WATER.**

**LEMONADE.**

**GINGER ALE.**

**SARSAPARILLA.**

**RASPBERRYADE, &c.**

**DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & CO'S. WATERS** are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms HOTELS, CLUBS, MISSES and other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [3792]

## TO SUBSCRIBERS.

**SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.**

**A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.**

**ESTABLISHED AD. 1841.**

## CHEMISTS BY APPOINTMENT.

**THE Legislative Council meets at 3 p.m. on Monday.**

**THE P. & O. steamer *Rohilla*, with the next English mail, is due from Singapore at daylight to-morrow.**

**It is reported that Sheng Taotai has requested the Russo-Chinese Bank to float a loan of twenty million taels in Russia and France for building the Peking-Hankow Railway.**

**Mr. ERICH GEORG reports that business in the share market during the past week has been rather quiet and rates do not show much change.**

**It is stated that a worm that attacks oranges has made its appearance on the borders of Mexico and the orange growers of California are consequently taking steps to prevent the spread of the pest.**

**The Indo-China Co.'s steamer *Yunnan*, recently reported ashore in the Island Sea, is stated by Mr. Georg, in his *Share List* issued at noon today, to be still ashore and her position is considered rather critical.**

**For COAST PORTS, Waters are packed and placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and the full amount allowed for Packages, and Empties when received in good order.**

**Counterfet Order Books supplied on application.**

**Our Registered Telegraphic Address is: "DISPENSARY, HONGKONG." And all signed messages addressed thus will receive prompt attention.**

**The following is a List of Wines always kept ready in Stock:-**

**PURE AERATED WATER.**

**SODA WATER.**

**LEMONADE.**

**POTASH WATER.**

**SELTZER WATER.**

**LITHIA WATER.**

**SARSAPARILLA WATER.**

**TONIC WATER.**

**GINGER ALE.**

**GINGERADE.**

**No Credit given for Bottles that look dirty or greasy, or that appear to have been used for any other purpose than that of containing Aerated Waters, as such Bottles are never used again by us.**

**A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.**

**THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.**

**Hongkong, 1st April, 1897.**

## MARRIAGE.

**At St. Joseph's Church, on the 1st instant, by the Rev. Father De Maris, WILLIAM HARDWICKE, to ALICE MARY, third daughter of the late Henry Lyons, Esq.**

**The Hongkong Telegraph**

**HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1897.**

## TELEGRAMS.

### REUTTER'S MESSAGES.

**THE GRECO-TURKISH WAR.**

**LONDON, April 30th.**

**The Greeks are losing ground in Epirus, but an attack of the Turks on Velestine has been repulsed with heavy loss.**

**GREECE AND THE POWERS.**

**The Powers will not mediate until Greece recalls General Vassos from Crete, as a token of submission.**

**FRANCE AND TURKEY.**

**M. Hanotaux has had a five hours' interview with the Turkish Ambassador in Paris.**

**(From *Rangoon Times*.)**

**THE PLAGUE IN INDIA.**

**BOMBAY, April 10th.**

**General Gatacre has received a letter from the Mahomedans threatening to decapitate him owing to the trouble he has been instrumental in causing the community by house-to-house visitation.**

**BOMBAY, April 11th.**

**The plague is rapidly decreasing. To-day's returns show 40 cases and 30 deaths.**

**THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH**

**HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1897.**

## TELEGRAMS.

**(Special to *Hongkong Telegraph*.)**

**SHANGHAI SPRING MEETING.**

**TIPS FOR MONDAY'S RACES.**

**SHANGHAI, May 1st.**

**The chief events of the first day's racing, 1st May, are likely to result as follows:-**

**Sub. Griffins' Plate (1 mile):—**

**Divided.....**

**Brassey.....**

**Gotoku.....**

**Criterion Stakes (1 mile):—**

**Glenmore or Aeolus.....**

**Holstomer.....**

**Roletto or Viquero.....**

**Cathay Cup (1 mile):—**

**Kenneth.....**

**Broker.....**

**Menzi.....**

**Kiangsu Plate (1 mile):—**

**Vaquero.....**

**Sidra.....**</p

# THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1897.

## POLLARD'S OPERA COMPANY.

The opening date of Pollard's Lilliputian Opera Co. was erroneously stated in our last issue to have been changed from Monday to Wednesday next. The original date will be adhered to and the show will open on Monday as first announced. The mistake was due to the way in which an alteration of advertisement was notified and was a very natural one under the circumstances. From the programme we note that the company is unmistakably juvenile the ages of all the performers ranging from 8 to 13 years, and one is inclined to feel sorry for these children wandering far from their homes and Board schools where they might be carefully educated. The opening performance bids fair to be very successful, and the little folk have won golden opinions in India for their playing and singing in this famous comic opera.

## HOME FOR THE AGED AND INFIRM.

### OPENING CEREMONY THIS AFTERNOON.

This afternoon at 4 o'clock the Right Reverend Bishop Poxhill opened the Hospicio do S. C. de Jesus (Home for the Aged and Infirm) in the presence of a large number of spectators. After the opening, His Lordship delivered the following address in Portuguese.

"Dr. Gomez, Mr. Consal, and President, The miseries of man are great and innumerable, but charity is even greater. This is the strongest and noblest of all the sentiments that God has put in the heart of man and has a remedy for all human miseries. This noble virtue, following the example of its author who is God, Deus caritas est, says the Holy Scripture, and cannot leave even one necessarily nor any misery without help and therefore He could not remain sleeping, so to speak, before one of the greatest miseries of this world—the Aged, Infirm and Destitute. It was this noble sentiment that gave origin to the 'Hospicio do S. C. de Jesus,' and it is this same sentiment which until to-day in order to make the inauguration of it, This Home is dedicated to the charity of Dr. Gomez and that of the public. The charity of Catholics has already been manifested in the shape of a house wherein to collect Chinese poor and infirm, and also another building for infirm women who are not Chinese. The cost so far of the present Home is about \$4,600; I say about, because the accounts have not yet been closed. The subscription list started by Dr. Gomez with the conspicuous sum of \$1,000 and afterwards continued by the charitable public without distinction of nationality, realised about \$4,800, leaving a balance of from \$150 to \$200 to our credit. The subscription is an evident proof of the sincere sympathy of the public towards this institution, and I am confident of their future support. To give to the poor is to lead to God, and those who lend to God are sure of prosperity. Before blessing this 'Hospicio' I feel it my pleasant duty to return my hearty thanks to all who have, in any way contributed to this fund and helped them and their families that they may prosper and receive in this world 100 per cent. of their charity and later on to open to them the eternal Gate of Paradise where they will receive the full price of their charity."

Dr. Gomez also addressed the meeting in Portuguese, and then the Bishop, advancing towards the building with the key, unlocked the main door and formally dedicated the Home open and subsequently dedicated it in the usual way.

## FORMOSA.

**EVEN-HANDED JUSTICE.**  
At a banquet in Tokio a fortnight ago, Marquis Ito made some interesting remarks on the subject of Formosa. Referring to the grave responsibility Japan has assumed by the annexation of Formosa (says the *Yokohama Times*) he said the eyes of the world turned to her conduct in that island. Whether or not the national flag of the Rising-Sun will be decided by her success or failure in the management of her southern colony, the Marquis referred with admiration to the eminently successful policy pursued by England in India. What that Power is doing in India, Japan ought to imitate, though on a very much smaller scale, in her government of Formosa by abdication, as far as possible, from interference with the native beliefs, customs and manners, and by dealing out equal justice to all. Overbearing conduct on the part of the functionaries should in no case be allowed. The speaker then referred to the question of nationality. Is diversity of race absolutely incompatible with the idea of a common nationality? He did not think so. The dissimilarity of race, at all events in the present case, is no serious obstacle to the formation of a homogeneous nationality. He was therefore convinced that the native Formosans, even if allowed to preserve some of their racial peculiarities, will form an important integral part of the Japanese nationality.

**THE STATUS OF CHINCH IN THE ISLAND.**  
The *Nippon* declares the following to be the policy of the Governor-General in dealing with the Chinese in Formosa who must elect before the 8th of May, the course they intend take—  
1st.—That good and peaceful Chinese residents in Formosa shall be considered as Japanese subjects after the 8th of next month (presumably without being expressly called upon to renounce their nationality).  
2nd.—That lawless members of the Chinese community shall not be regarded as Japanese subjects.  
3rd.—That those Chinese who shall be refused permission to register themselves as Japanese subjects shall be ordered to remove to the Chinese settlements at Kelung, Tamsui, Takow and Anping.

4th.—That any Chinese limited to the Chinese settlements who are found to be acting in a manner detrimental to the peace of the island shall be either deported in accordance with the law of nations, or proper steps shall be taken to bring such persons under control.  
5th.—That Chinese who may elect to be regarded as Japanese subjects shall be registered in the census book.

**CORRUPTION IN THE ISLAND.**  
Reports of corruption among the officials in Formosa have constantly been received, says the *Y.M.* The latest news announces the arrest on the 8th April of a number of the officials of the Administrative Bureau in connection with the purchase of houses for official quarters. Some of them are expected to be released after examination. It is added (says the *Kobu Chronicle*) that as the Supreme Court is zealously investigating the present case other arrests may be expected.

The *Otaka Matsuchi* states that during January last the houses owned by 32 natives at Taipeh were purchased for \$4,000, yet for official quarters. Two of the officials in the Governor-General's office, in concert with a number of private Japanese and natives, forged certain documents relating to the purchase whereby they "squeezed" several thousand yen out of the transaction. The owners of the houses not getting the sum agreed upon, they applied for the payment of the full amount, when they were told that they could not have it, and that if they insisted they would be handed over to the law courts. But this reached the ears of the higher officials in the Island, who promptly caused the implicated subordinate officials to be "handed over to the law courts."

## TIENTSIN NOTES.

(From our Correspondent.)

April 21st.

We have very bad news about the bursting of the west bank of the Yellow River, below Tainan, on 21st February. It is reported that thirty villages have been destroyed and that hardly any men or beasts escaped with their lives. It is dreadful, but it is what the hard-hearted officials like. They make a deal of money out of it. Money will now be supplied by the Government and the charitable for those who have lost property, although they are nearly all dead, which will aid us in the pockets of the mandarins. The poor people who have escaped will die very little of it, unless they work at the repairing of the banks for which they will get very poorly paid. Money will be supplied by the Government or collected from the people, two-thirds of which will also be grabbed by these rapacious officials. Truly Chinese officials do it very rotten.

### WANG'S SOLDIERS!

Hu's Ex. Wang went to inspect the troops of Lui Tai, and he got back at 7 p.m. yesterday. His own troops, who escorted him, were the most unscrupulously lot of vagabonds I ever beheld. They were armed with the Lai Ming Chuan muzzle-loading guns—two men to a gun—also with old gingals, with stocks, and many of these were rusty and broken, the soldiers (?) clothes were in tatters, their shoes alibid, and yet Viceroy Wang had no shame. He does not care so long as he has a certain number of soldiers on paper and draws their pay. People talk of China being poor, of her exchequer being empty; no wonder at it; but I could put my hands on a good many officials, and those that have been officials, worth hundreds of millions each. I could mention a dozen men who could ray for railway lines all over China, and yet have plenty to spare. These have made their pile by robbing the Government and the poor. Li Hung-chang and Sheng are not the only rich men in China; there are thousands more of their kind in this land of poverty.

### EXCHANGE AND TRADE.

There is no change in exchange quotations. Imports of all kinds are less in demand. Business in exports is fairly good, and there is a strong demand for tanned and untanned skins and hides, but there is a falling off in the demand for wool, blistles, horse-hair, and strawbraid.

### THE PEIRO.

The state of the Peiro is worse than ever. In the upper reaches there are only from 73 feet to 8 feet, although there is any amount of water on the Taku Bar.

### RUSSIAN INSTRUCTORS WANTED.

I learn, from very good authority, that the Commander-in-Chief of Lui Tai, Nek, has applied for two cavalry instructors from Russia, which he will soon have as they are on their way out. What a delightful state of affairs to be sure! What with German instructors in one place, English in another, and Russian in another, the Chinese soldiers ought to be wonderful men in the sweet by-and-by—Mercury.

### NEWCHENG Notes.

(From our Correspondent.)

April 21st.

Mr. Worth, of the Russo-Chinese Bank, recently visited Newchung-tien on business. His chief transaction was the purchase of a lot of ground on the river frontage, lying between Butterfield and Swire's godown. This land has always been considered well located for certain purposes, but no transfer of ownership could ever be effected. The chief difficulty was the high purchase price demanded by the Chinese owners. It has now been acquired by the Bank, for Tls. 25,000. A local agent has also been appointed by the representative.

### CHINESE COOLIES FOR HONOLULU.

Five hundred Chinese coolies were recently shipped by a Japanese steamer, their final destination being Honolulu. Many more shipments are to follow.

### JAPANESE SHIPPING.

In the above connection, it may be mentioned that the Japanese shipping is well represented here this season, and about a dozen Japanese ships are at present under charter, so that apparently a goodly share of the season's trade will fall to them.

### FRIGHTS.

We have had quite a slack time the last fortnight, but a rise in freights and a plentiful supply of marketable commodities will affect a reaction, causing a rush to set in—a rush which in previous years generally came at the opening of the port.

### NEW BUILDINGS.

Budding material has risen immensely of late in price; indeed some, such as bricks, are not obtainable in the immediate neighbourhood at the moment. The dearth, to an extent, is due to the many buildings going up, the chief among them being our local hospital. This situation is being rapidly towards completion. One or two private dwelling-places are being erected in the same neighbourhood, and the locality with its hundreds of workers presents a very animated appearance. It is also rumoured that a very much needed Public Hall or Assembly Room will add a charm to the surroundings. The Recreation and Cricket grounds are also being improved.

### HAPPY THOUGHTS.

They always talk who never think—Pops. This world belongs to the energetic—Kermion. Our deeds determine us as much as we determine our deeds—George Eliot.

You can easily refute assertions; but who can refute silence?—Dickens.

I think it useless to dispute where there is no probability of convincing—W.H. Gild.

True independence has no difficulty in accepting necessary kindness—Herron.

A scoundrel is a good library of honour—Shakespeare.

To persevere in one's duty and be silent is the first answer to calumny—Washington.

In the "Land of Promise" a man may easily die of hunger—Harmless Proverb.

Who gives a trifling meanly is meaner than trifles—Leviator.

Mammon is the largest slaveholder in the world—Scoundrels.

War is a game which, were their subjects wise, kings could not often play at it—Cooper.

There is nothing more disgraceful than that an old man should have nothing to produce as a proof that he has lived long except his age—Seneca.

"One soweth and another reapeth" is a verily that applies to evil as well as to good—George Eliot.

Common sense is not a common thing—Milton.

Every one is eagle-eyed to see another's faults and his deformity—Dryden.

How many men would be made if they were to speak well of themselves and evil of others—de Ruyden.

Common sense does not ask an impossible observation, but takes the one before it and judiciously plays the game—Westcott Phillips.

## LES GUERRES NAVALES DE DEMAIN.

The following passages translated by Colonel W. T. Eden for the *Navy League Journal* from the above work (by Commandant Z. and H. Montchard), will show that in France the enormous importance of sea-power is not undervalued, and will also indicate the means by which it is hoped to deal a hard blow against England. Owing to considerations of space, it has been found unavoidable to make excerpts only from the volume, causing a lack of continuity. This, however, we hope will not mar the effect of the lessons therein conveyed, that which nothing can more strongly inculcate the necessity of preparedness on our part.

### WHAT SEA-POWER DID FOR FRANCE IN 1871.

It must not be forgotten that if France in 1871 was able to prolong her resistance, and save by this protraction of the struggle, it was due to her liberty of action as far as the sea was concerned. Communicating by her coasts with the whole world, she found in the ocean an inexhaustible source of life. In the grave situation of a man with only one lung, she breathed with that ease, and thus she managed to live until the day when the enemy crushed her heart. Had the Germans been masters of the sea, France, throttled as she is by the Scilly Islands by nightfall, would have perished.

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3. The Harp in the Air—Mr. Sopr. and  
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4. Angelus—Coro Religioso, from "Mari-
5. Sopr. Mrs. STRINGER.
6. Mrs. Sopr. Mrs. MANCINI.
7. Chorus, Lady and Gentlemen Amateurs.
8. Barcarolle—Toujours dans ma gondole.”
9. Orchestra of Mandolines, Mandolas, Guitars and  
Banjo—Lady and Gentlemen Amateurs.
10. Tenor Solo—Yes! let me like a Soldier  
fall from Mariana...Wallace.
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12. Mandoline Solo—Notturino...Bella Rossa.
13. Miss E. CARVALHO.
14. Serenade—"Ombre Nuiture", Maitlis.
15. Orchestra of Mandolines, Mandolas, Guitars and  
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2. KRALI Pas, and Chorus of Lady and  
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3. Trio—Spanish Sardane.....
4. 1st Mandoline, Miss LYSAUGHT,  
and Mandoline; Miss ALVES.  
Guitar, Miss L. LYSAUGHT.
5. Contralto Solo—Life's Lullaby.....
6. M. F. DODWELL.
7. Mandola Solo—Fantasie Transcription from  
Wagner's "Lohengrin"....Pietrasperanza,  
Sig. G. BADOLI.
8. Duet for Tenor and Baritone, "Excelsior,"
9. A. C. VAN NIEROP, Esq., and CHAS.  
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10. Barcarolle—Bella Napoli.....Boscozzi.
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